

# HOUSE BILL 991

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By: **Delegates Rosenberg and Carr**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Renovation and Repair Needs of Senior**  
3 **Homeowners**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Housing and Community  
5 Development, with the assistance of the Department of Aging, the Department  
6 of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Department of Human Resources, to  
7 create a task force to study methods for identifying and understanding the  
8 renovation and repair needs of low-income and limited-income senior  
9 homeowners and identifying resources to assist senior homeowners; requiring  
10 the task force to consult with and enlist the participation of certain  
11 stakeholders; requiring the Department of Housing and Community  
12 Development to report on the findings of the task force to the Governor and the  
13 General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of  
14 this Act; and generally relating to the creation of a task force to study the  
15 renovation and repair needs of low-income and limited-income senior  
16 homeowners.

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
18 MARYLAND, That:

19 (a) The Department of Housing and Community Development, with the  
20 assistance of the Department of Aging, the Department of Health and Mental  
21 Hygiene, and the Department of Human Resources, shall create a task force to study  
22 methods for:

23 (1) identifying, on a statewide basis, seniors of limited income who  
24 own and occupy single-family homes;

25 (2) identifying census tracts with high concentrations of senior  
26 homeowners;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (3)     understanding the needs of low-income seniors living in their own  
2 homes regarding:

3                   (i)     home repairs;

4                   (ii)    safety; and

5                   (iii)  energy savings;

6           (4)     addressing the impact of high concentrations of low-income senior  
7 homeowners on neighborhood stability and preservation;

8           (5)     identifying existing and new public resources on the federal, State,  
9 and local levels to assist low-income and limited-income senior homeowners with  
10 home renovation and repairs; and

11           (6)     identifying the challenges for low-income and limited-income  
12 senior homeowners in accessing public resources.

13           (b)     The task force shall consult with and enlist the participation of a wide  
14 range of stakeholders, including representatives of:

15                   (1)     local housing agencies;

16                   (2)     nonprofit organizations that address housing issues for seniors;

17                   (3)     organizations that assist seniors with financial literacy;

18                   (4)     financial institutions;

19                   (5)     contractors; and

20                   (6)     architects.

21           (c)     On or before December 31, 2012, the Department of Housing and  
22 Community Development shall report on the findings of the task force to the Governor  
23 and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General  
24 Assembly.

25           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 June 1, 2012. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31,  
27 2013, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
28 abrogated and of no further force and effect.